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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hiroshi Ohta

Serial No.: 09/781,280

Group Art Unit: 2623

Filed: February 13, 2001

Examiner: Le, Brian Q.

OBJECT EXTRACTION DEVICE, OBJECT EXTRACTION METHOD, AND

RECORDING MEDIA FOR STORING AN OBJECT EXTRACTION PROGRAM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: